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[ABSTRACT]**METHOD FOR CLEANING A NOZZLE PLATE**

- 5 A method for cleaning a printhead wherein
- a solvent is applied followed by wet brushing of the nozzle plate to loosen debris collected on the nozzle plate.
 - A cleaning solvent is applied which is removed by vacuum cleaning in order clean the plate. A movement of the cleaning solvent over
- 10 the nozzle plate is provided.

Both steps can be combined using the brush between the application of a single cleaning solvent and the vacuum cleaning. The movement of solvent helps to clean the brush.

Different steps can be executed by a cleaning module having a

15 relative translating movement to the head.

Fig. 3